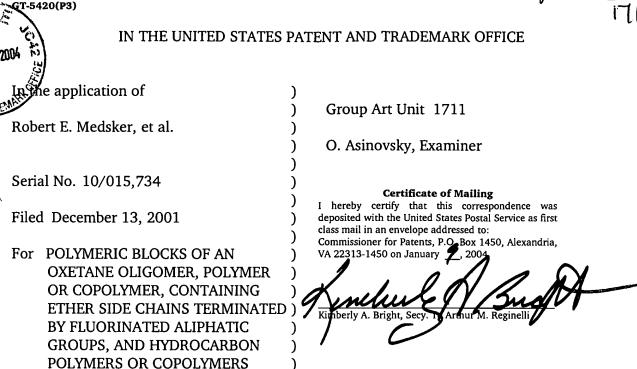
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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

## **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 10, 2003, the Applicants, through their attorney, respond as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.